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SUBJECT: FRENCH SUPPORT FOR ITALY

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1. WE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO ASK ELYSEE INTERNATIONAL STAFF SOURCE INFORMALLY WHAT GISCARD AND LECANUET HAD MEANT BY THEIR REFERENCES TO "SUPPORT" FRANCE IS WILLING TO PROVIDE ITALY (REFTEL AND PREVIOUS).

2. ELYSEE STAFFER REPLIED THAT NO BILATERAL FRENCH ECONOMIC EFFORT WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR ITALY. GOF WOULD OF COURSE PARTICIPATE FULLY IN ANY EC-9 ECONOMIC INITIATIVE TO HELP STABILIZE ITALIAN SITUATION. FOR PRESENT, HOWEVER, ELYSEE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS IDEA WAS NOT PROGRESSING TOO QUICKLY IN BRUSSELS AND THAT THE ITALIAN ECONOMY WAS, IN ANY CASE, NOT IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF HELP. GISCARD'S AND LECANUET'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS UNDERLINING FRENCH "SUPPORT" WERE INTENDED PRIMARILY THEREFORE TO GIVE ANDREOTTI MAXIMUM POSSIBLE PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST.

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